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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Poway – One Dead, Three Injured in Synagogue Shooting**

(U) A woman has died and a rabbi was injured after shots were fired inside a Poway synagogue filled with people celebrating the last day of Passover. A suspect was taken into custody approximately two miles away from the synagogue while three patients were rushed to a nearby hospital. A man with an assault-style rifle entered Chabad of Poway at 11:23 a.m. and opened fire on the people inside, law enforcement officials said. The suspect was identified as John T. Earnest, 19, a graduate of Mount Carmel High School and nursing student at Cal State San Marcos.

SOURCE: 27 April 2019, [NBC San Diego](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Man Convicted of Attempting to Bomb Bus in Israel Lied to Obtain US Citizenship

(U) A Los Angeles parking attendant and one-time Islamic jihadist who spent years in an Israeli prison for attempting to bomb an Israeli bus was granted US citizenship and allowed to remain in the country for nearly a decade as federal authorities investigated his background. Vallmoe Shqaire, 51, a Palestinian-born Jordanian, was sentenced Friday in LA district court to nine months behind bars after pleaded guilty in January to illegally obtaining US citizenship. Shqaire was given until 28 May to surrender and begin serving his time, but US Citizenship and Immigration Services may take him into custody at any time based on the fact that his citizenship was revoked and he is under an immigration hold for deportation, attorneys said at the sentencing hearing.

SOURCE: 26 April 2019, [CBS Los Angeles](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Nearly 700 from LA Universities Still in Measles Quarantine

(U) Nearly 700 people possibly exposed to measles at two Los Angeles universities are still quarantined three days after health officials ordered the precautions to contain the spread of the highly contagious disease. A spokesman for California State University, Los Angeles, said Saturday that 106 staff members and 550 students have been told to stay at home and avoid contact with others. Those under quarantine were possibly exposed to a person with measles on each campus earlier this month.

SOURCE: 27 April 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Sunnyvale – Man Who Drove into Pedestrians was Targeting Muslims, Police Say

(U) A man who plowed his Toyota Corolla into a group of pedestrians at a crowded intersection in Sunnyvale, on Tuesday apparently did so in part because he thought at least some were Muslim, police said Friday. Isaiah J. Peoples faces eight counts of attempted murder in the incident, in which eight people were injured. Three of the victims were minors, and one, a 13-year-old girl, remained in critical condition on Friday evening. Chief Phan Ngo, of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, said at a news conference that further evidence obtained by the police suggested that Mr. Peoples “intentionally targeted the victims based on their race and his belief that they were of the Muslim faith.”

SOURCE: 26 April 2019, [The New York Times](#)

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(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Mexico – More Than 1000 Migrants Escape from Detention Center**

(U) Tapachula – More than 1,000 migrants have broken out of a detention in southern Mexico, one of the largest mass escapes in recent years. While more than half of the 1,300 migrants have so far returned to the Siglo XXI facility in the border city of Tapachula, about 600 are still unaccounted for, the National Migration Institute said in a statement. Migrants from Cuba make up the majority of those held at the center in Chiapas State but the escapees – who broke out of the center with no major confrontation with facility officials – also included Haitians and Central Americans, according to Mexican media.

SOURCE: 26 April 2019, [Independent](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Columbia – Russian Operative Sentenced**

(U) Washington – Maria Butina, the Russian operative who used her NRA activism to illegally infiltrate conservative political circles, was sentenced to 18-months in prison by a federal judge on Friday. The 30-year-old American University graduate student pleaded guilty in December 2018 to one count of conspiracy to act as an agent of a foreign official, after her arrest in July of that year. Butina admitted to working with her Republican operative boyfriend Paul Erickson, identified in court papers as "US Person 1," at the behest of a Russian official in order "to establish unofficial lines of communication with Americans having power and influence over US politics for the benefit of the Russian Federation," according to court papers.

SOURCE: 26 April 2019, [NBC News](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Man Arrested for Allegedly Setting Church on Fire Twice

(U) Bethlehem – Police in Pennsylvania have arrested a suspect in connection to two separate arson fires at the same church last week. Wilmer J. Ortiz Torres, 43, was arrested Friday and charged with arson, burglary and criminal trespass in the two fires that occurred between Tuesday and Thursday at the Iglesia Pentecostal de Bethlehem, police said in a statement. Torres was arrested Friday in Allentown and arraigned on criminal charges Friday night, police said. It was not immediately clear if he had any connection to the church.

SOURCE: 27 April 2019, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) France – Suspects Arrested for Attempted Terrorist Attack**

(U) Paris – France has foiled a terrorist act and is holding four suspects in custody, said the French interior minister and a police source today. The police source said the four suspects had been arrested on suspicion of acquiring weapons "with a view to committing a terrorist act." "We had sufficient evidence to lead us to believe that a major attack was being planned," Interior Minister Christophe Castaner also told reporters today.

SOURCE: 29 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Turkey – Turkey Detains 22 Suspected ISIS Members

(U) Istanbul – Turkish police detained 22 suspected Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) members in Ankara, according to local media. The 17 Iraqi and 5 Syrian nationals were preparing to recruit more members and get in touch with the organization before 1 May, the broadcaster said. Last week, Turkish authorities arrested a suspected ISIS member they believe was planning to attack a World War One

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commemoration at Gallipoli attended by hundreds of Australians and New Zealanders.

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